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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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corporation and FICTITIOUS PARTIES A-D. There may be other individuals or entities whose true names and identities are unknown to the plaintiff at this time, who may be legally responsible for the claims set forth herein and who may be added by amendment by the plaintiff when their true names and identities are accurately ascertained by further discovery. Until that time, the plaintiff will designate these parties in accordance with ARCP 9(h). The word "entity" as used herein is intended to refer to and include any and all legal entities including individual persons, any and all forms of partnership, any and all types of corporations and unincorporated associations. The symbol by which these parties are designated is intended to include more than one entity in the event that discovery reveals that the descriptive characterization of the symbol applies to more than one entity. In the present action the party defendants which the plaintiff must include by descriptive characterization are as follows:

Defendants A-D, that entity who caused or contributed to plaintiff's injuries in any way.

#### **COMPLAINT**

**COMES NOW** the plaintiff, complaining of the defendants, and files this complaint, by and through her counsel. The plaintiff avers as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction of the claims herein pursuant to Alabama Code § 12-11-30, as the amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).
- 2. Venue herein is proper under Alabama Code § 6-3-2(a)(3), as the act or omission complained of occurred in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County, Alabama.

#### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 3. The plaintiff adopts and incorporates by reference all the allegations contained above as if fully set forth herein.
  - 4. Plaintiff Lindsey Burnett is an adult resident of St. Clair County, Alabama.
- 5. Defendant Michael McNair (hereinafter "McNair") is an adult resident of Jackson County, Mississippi.
- 6. Defendant LA Logistics, Inc. (hereinafter "LA Logistics") is a foreign corporation conducting business in the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County Alabama.
- 7. Fictitious Parties A through D are those individuals or entities, otherwise unknown to the plaintiff at this time, or, if their names are known to the plaintiff at this time, their identity as proper party defendants are not known to the plaintiff at this time, but their true names will be substituted by amendment when ascertained, who caused or contributed in any way to the damages or injuries sustained by the plaintiff.
- 8. On or about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, at approximately 6:00 p.m., plaintiff was operating a motor vehicle, traveling southbound on Interstate 459 near the intersection of Highway 280. The intersection of these two roadways lies within the Birmingham Division of Jefferson County.
- 9. At that same time, defendant McNair was operating an 18-wheeler, immediately adjacent to the plaintiff, as an agent, employee or assign of defendant LA Logistics.
- 10. Plaintiff was traveling in the middle lane of Interstate 459 whereas defendant McNair was traveling in the left lane of Interstate 459.

## COUNT I NEGLIGENCE / WANTONNESS

11. The plaintiff adopts and incorporates by reference all the allegations contained above

as if fully set forth herein.

- 12. Defendant McNair negligently or wantonly changed lanes, causing the 18-wheeler he was driving to strike the motor vehicle operated by the plaintiff. The plaintiff lost control of her vehicle as a result of the impact and careened into the interstate dividing wall before overturning.
- 13. Defendant LA Logistics is vicariously liable to the plaintiff under the theory of *respondent superior*, as Defendant McNair was an agent, employee or assignee of defendant LA Logistics, and/or McNair was operating the vehicle in the course and scope of his employment with LA Logistics at the time of the collision.
- 14. As a proximate consequence of the negligence or wantonness of the defendants, plaintiff suffered injury, including but not limited to the following:
  - Plaintiff Lindsey Burnett was caused to suffer closed head injury, post-concussion syndrome, dysautonomia, migraine headaches, neck sprain, soreness, bruises and contusions on various and separate parts of her body, including but not limited to, head, neck, back, hips, left foot and left shoulder.
  - Plaintiff Lindsey Burnett was caused to endure numerous doctor visits and extensive treatment to heal and cure her injuries and will require further medical treatment for the foreseeable future.
  - Plaintiff Lindsey Burnett was caused to incur medical, doctor and hospital
    expenses in her efforts to heal and cure her injuries and will incur such expenses
    for the foreseeable future.
  - 15. Plaintiff is entitled to punitive damages pursuant to Code of Alabama § 6-11-20.

## COUNT II NEGLIGENT HIRING / RETENTION

- 16. Plaintiff reaffirms and realleges each paragraph above as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. On or about the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021, defendant McNair struck the vehicle being driven by the plaintiff.
- 18. The above-referenced collision was a proximate result of defendant McNair's negligence or wantonness.
- 19. Defendant LA Logistics' agent, employee or assign, defendant McNair, was negligent or wanton in the following particulars:
  - (a) failing to keep a proper lookout;
  - (b) failing to yield the right-of-way;
  - (c) failing to ensure it was safe to change lanes before doing so;
- 20. Defendant LA Logistics was negligent or wanton in hiring defendant McNair as an agent, employee or assign and in permitting him to continue transporting cargo when defendant knew, or by adequate investigation could have known, that defendant McNair was not a reasonable, prudent operator, and that defendant McNair could, when driving, cause harm to others, including the plaintiff.

### COUNT III NEGLIGENT ENTRUSTMENT

- 21. The plaintiff adopts and incorporates by reference all the allegations contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 22. The vehicle operated by defendant McNair was owned by defendant LA Logistics at the time of the accident described herein.
- 23. Defendant LA Logistics allowed defendant McNair to operate said vehicle within the course and scope of defendant McNair's agency, employment or assignment with defendant LA

Logistics.

24. Defendant LA Logistics was negligent or wanton in entrusting defendant McNair

with a commercial vehicle as an agent, employee or assign and in permitting him to continue

transporting cargo when defendant knew, or by adequate investigation could have known, that

defendant McNair was not a reasonable, prudent operator, and that entrusting defendant McNair

with a commercial vehicle created an appreciable risk of harm to others, including the plaintiff.

25. Plaintiff's injuries were the proximate result of the negligent or wanton

entrustment by defendant LA Logistics of the vehicle to defendant McNair.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff demands general, special and punitive damages, including, but

not limited to, past, present and future medical expenses and lost wages, in a sum to be assessed

by a jury of plaintiff's peers, with costs of court and any other, further or additional relief the

court shall deem appropriate.

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED

/s/ Derek B. Simms

Derek B. Simms (SIM057)

Attorney for plaintiff

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**Pearl, MS 39208** 

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vs.	) Civil Action No.:
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You are hereby commanded to serve this sum action upon defendant:	mons and a copy of the complaint in this
Michael McNair 10111 Co. Rd. 622 Philadelphia, Missis	ssippi 39350
NOTICE TO DEF	ENDANT
The Complaint which is attached to this Sumi immediate action to protect your rights. You are written Answer, either admitting or denying each Simms, the attorney for the plaintiff, whose address Alabama 35222.	required to mail or hand deliver a copy of a allegation in the Complaint, to Derek B.
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